

## **May 12, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding**

**Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello**

**Councillor Barbara A. Barrow**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Members Present**

**Councillor Louis P. DiPalma, Absent**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia**

**POSTED – May 8, 2008**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:**

**Review of FY 2008 – 2009 proposed Department Budgets –  
Refuse, Beach and Sewer**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at the  
Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode  
Island 02842.**

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**Paul M. Rodrigues, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Town Administrator**

**Finance Director**

**Town Solicitor**

**Public Library**

**Recreation Director**

**Public Works Director**

**Human Resource Manager**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Also present were Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Deputy Finance Director Lynne Dible, Accounting Manager Deb Barrett,**

**Accountant Mark Tanguay, and Recreation Director Tim Shaw.**

## **Refuse and Recycling Fund**

**Interim Town Administrator Brown reviewed the Refuse and Recycling Fund noting that the budget is dictated by contractual obligations with Waste Management. Mr. Brown distributed the Refuse and Recycling Options sheet entered here:**

**Mr. Brown noted that the two areas that affect the program are the increase in the recycling rate and the increase in the diversion rate. Mr. Brown recommends Option #2 as a way to address the shortfall in the budget. A \$25.00 annual participation fee would insure that those participating are in compliance with the program.**

**Discussion centered around the remaining options, the success of the program and the need to find a solution for funding the program. Mr. Brown also noted that the Recycling Coordinator**

**Will Cronin was in the process of investigating the possibility of having coupons put in with the bags as an insert. Mr. Brown will be meeting with Waste Management to explore the possibility of renegotiating the current contract. The current contract rate is based on 5,500 residents participating with only 3,300 currently in the program.**

**Councillor Silveira liked Option #2. Mr. Silveira requested that Mr. Brown explore the possibility of increasing the cost of the participation fee and decrease the cost of the bags. Mr. Silveira also suggested posting a survey about the pay as you throw program on the website.**

**Mr. Brown will return to the Council with an update on the contract, as well as information on the increase in the participation, the decrease in the cost of the bags, and will move forward to implement the Refuse and Recycling survey to be posted on the Town's website.**

**Beach Fund**

**Discussion centered around the following areas: beach revenue, the campground, recreation program revenues, beach operations expense, moorings at Third Beach, the harbormaster expense, recreation program expenses. Recreation Director Tim Shaw responded to questions regarding the above mentioned discussion.**

## **Sewer Fund**

**The Council reviewed the Sewer Fund Proposed Budget FY2009 and Sewer Charges.**

**Discussion centered around the following areas: the proposed sewer rate, unmetered accounts, and CIP funding for the pump stations.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:46 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**